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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
NAGRAL, et al.

Appln. No.: To Be Assigned

Filed: June 13, 2001

For: **INFORMATION STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL  
SYSTEM FOR STORING AND RETRIEVING  
THE VISUAL FORM OF INFORMATION  
FROM AN APPLICATION IN A DATABASE**

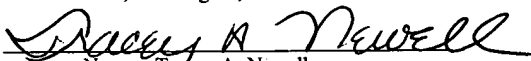
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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, please replace lines 6-9 with the following:

9' ¶ This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application No. 09/213,019 filed on December 16, 1998 (pending), which is based on U.S. provisional patent application No. 60/073,741, filed February 4, 1998. †

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-17 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.